



Discerning Your Stewardship Champion

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

-1 Peter 4:10

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Much like identifying members of your Stewardship Core Team during Phase 1, selecting a staff person who will direct stewardship in your Family is a process of discernment. This staff person will work closely with the pastor and staff to ensure that the pastoral life within the Family is consistent with principles of stewardship, and, with the Core Team, will lead your Family of Parishes to embrace stewardship as a way of life.

Since many in the parish are likely to only be familiar with the stewardship of financial and material resources, this person will need to focus in an intentional way on connecting the spirituality of stewardship as an expression of discipleship as he or she finds ways to incorporate stewardship formation and communication into the life of the Family.

This person will need to work closely with other staff members to enhance hospitality and welcome, build parishioner engagement, invite people to give of themselves and their time and gifts in ministry, and their financial resources to the Family of Parishes.

Understanding that most Families of Parishes will not be able to have a stand-alone, stewardship staff member in the early years of Beacons, a current staff member should be identified to serve this role. Although not necessary, it's preferred that the selected staff member be a member of the Pastor's Leadership Team. In some cases, a very engaged volunteer could serve as the Stewardship Champion.

Seek a Stewardship Champion who:

- Is a prayerful person
- Has the ability to communicate well or coordinate with others who can do so
- Is ready to embrace stewardship as a way of life personally and to lead the Family to do so
- Has a desire to invite as many parishioners as possible to active participation
- Can envision the positive impact of stewardship in the lives of individuals and the Family
- Is committed to this endeavor for the long-term (not as a short-term fix or program)
- Has the capacity to guide the Core Team while entrusting leadership to them
- Is ready to find new opportunities to draw parishioners into discipleship and stewardship

For questions or to discuss selecting your Stewardship Champion to serve your Family of Parishes, please contact David Kissell in the Stewardship Department at (513) 263 – 3381 or email dkissell@catholicaoc.org.